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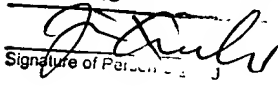


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98,
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U.S. Patents

5,960,411	09/1999	Hartman et al.
5,960,407	09/1999	Vivona
5,911,139	06/1999	Jain et al.
5,911,131	06/1999	Vig
5,903,878	05/1999	Talati et al.
5,898,594	04/1999	Leason et al.
5,878,401	03/1999	Joseph et al.
5,875,110	02/1999	Jacobs et al.
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5,852,823	12/1998	De Bonet et al.
5,768,142	06/1998	Jacobs et al.
5,761,655	06/1998	Hoffman et al.
5,751,829	05/1998	Kubo et al.
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U.S. Patents Continued

5,715,314	02/1998	Payne et al.
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5,414,621	05/1995	Hough
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4,992,940	02/1991	Dworkin
4,775,935	10/1988	Yourick
3,757,037	09/1973	Bialek
RE033316	08/1990	Katsuta et al.

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10162020	06/1998	Japan	abstract
0657831	06/1995	Europe	
19638548	03/1998	Germany	abstract
2330930	05/1999	Great Britain	

Other Documents

Lee et al. "Query by Image Content Using Multiple Objects and Multiple Features: User Interface Issues", Proceedings of the International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP), US, Los Alamitos, IEEE Comp. Soc. Press, Vol. 1, Conf. 1, pages 76-80 (November 13, 1994)

Universal Product Code, Chapter I: Standard Number and Bar Code Concepts, Uniform Code Council, Inc., June 1995

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Copies of the aforementioned documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate), are enclosed herewith.

The German patent No.19638548 was cited in the International Search Report (copy enclosed herewith) issued with respect to the PCT counterpart of the above-identified U.S. application. Applicants do not have a translation of this document, but have enclosed an English language abstract obtained through the European Patent Office web site.

Applicants' submission of this statement is not an admission that the information herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability of any presented claim. With respect to cited documents other than patents, Applicants have identified dates or possible date codes that appear on the documents. Applicants' identification of these dates is not an admission that the documents were published by or on the dates identified. Applicants reserve the right to challenge any of the cited documents as prior art.

It is respectfully requested that these documents be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent that may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate herewith), as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

An early and favorable action is respectfully
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